

27th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A day does not go by when the staff at Hazeley do not feel blessed by the support of our fabulous parent community. From the challenges of covid to the opportunities for your children to engage with DofE and Ambition projects, your support makes a tremendous difference for which we are all grateful.

I hope that the update below helps to build the relationship between you and the school so that we can get the best for your child and their community.

Important Updates

Covid Update

Over the last three weeks we have seen an increase in the number of cases of Covid 19 within the Academy. This week we currently have 109 confirmed cases. This has exceeded the trigger point and through consultation with Milton Keynes Public Health we have been asked to continue wearing face coverings in communal areas for the next two weeks. We are aware this will be a disappointment to the students and staff, but safety is always our number one priority. We will also continue to hold lead lessons through teams.

Sexual respect agenda

Please find the time to read a very important update from our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Mortimer. [Sexual Respect](#)

Year Group Specific Notices

Year 11 - Sixth Form Application Deadline

This is your final reminder that the application deadline to apply for our Sixth Form is at 4pm on Monday 31st January. We have had over 400 applications for just 180 places, so it is critical that students apply by this date, so their applications are considered. Once the application deadline is passed, students will receive an email confirming the date and time of their interview, so they need to regularly check their school email account. All interviews will take place the first week after February half term. If you have any questions, please email sixthform@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 11- PPEs – What next?

Our teachers have been assessing, moderating and reviewing the mock exams that Year 11s sat before Christmas and in the new year. Students will receive their grades on Tuesday morning. We have used grade boundaries that are between the generous 2020 levels and the more challenging 2019 boundaries following the national guidance. For the rest of this term, Year 11 students will undertake a process of deep reflection and review of their performance. We call this process DIRT (Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time). Students will be forensically comparing their responses to mark schemes, examiner's reports and high-level exemplar answers. Students will then re-work their answers to demonstrate improvement. Furthermore, students will be challenged to think metacognitively by considering *how* they learn and revise. It would be helpful if you could discuss the DIRT process with your child, some useful questions to ask may be:

- What is the best way you learn?
- What can you do if you get stuck? Who can you ask for help?
- What was the highest grade you achieved? Why was this so successful?

- What will you do differently to prepare for the next round of PPEs in March?

If you need any further advice about how to support your child with their learning, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Gemma Williamson, Deputy Principal for Teaching and Learning: gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 11 - Study Hub

The study hub has reopened now that Year 11 have completed their PPEs. It is open from 3.15pm until 4.15 pm in Q2 Monday to Thursday and is an excellent space where students can revise with staff support.

Year 10 and Year 11 – Maths's revision

In order to support and guide their revision, all Year 10 and Year 11 students should have access to a Maths topic list, for the exam papers they will sit in March.

The topic list is on Microsoft Teams in their Maths class section. Please encourage regular revision using the following websites. <https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner> and <https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Year 10 - Year 13 - Mr Beezy

We are delighted to have Mr Beezy return to the Academy to deliver his inspiration vision to support students. Mr Beezy is a UK based, International Motivational Speaker. "Here to transform, motivate and inspire students to GREATNESS". He will now link to each year group through Microsoft Teams so that they don't miss out on this exciting event.

Year 9,10 and 11 - Duke of Edinburgh

Year 9s are well underway with their **Bronze Award** and can now access information on how to complete the volunteering and skills sections on Microsoft Teams. We are pleased to see so many students now starting to complete the **edofe** online system, filling in information about the activities they are completing. We have lots of volunteers in school helping with after school clubs. Please remind your child to keep their assessors updated on what they are doing so they are aware of any challenges and opportunities that they might face and need some guidance on. If any Year 10 and 11 students would like to sign up for the Silver Award, we are currently getting all the students prepared for their activities. They do not have to have completed **DofE** before to start their Silver Award. Please contact Miss O'Sullivan at MO'Sullivan@thehazeleyacademy.com if you have any queries.

Year 7 and 8 - Ambition projects

Ambition Projects for students in Years 7 & 8 are now open for registration. This five-week online learning programme will help students develop critical skills like problem solving, communication, and teamwork while completing an independent project. The course starts on March 9th at 4:30pm online via Teams, and registration is due by March 1st. Further details have been sent via email. We are also enlisting sixth form mentors for the projects. If you have a sixth former interested in participating, please remind them to check the information sent to them via email.

Year 7 and 8 – 5Cs Passport

Well done to all of year 7s and 8s who are completing lots of sections of their 5Cs Passports at the moment, some of them have even made extra pages to add in extra stamps! The volunteering and extra-curricular sections are two that would be good to focus on this term, the aim is that by the end of July all of the sections are completed with activities both in and outside of school. Please continue to support your child by discussing what they can do to complete the 5Cs Passport and sign off each of the boxes once a task has been completed. If you have any questions, please contact me at lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

General messages

Flu Vaccinations

Please be reminded that the immunisation team will be at the academy on Friday 28th January administering the flu vaccinations. If you completed the consent form for your child, they will receive their timeslot today.

Life Skills PSHE sessions Spring term 2022

These sessions are designed to help our young people to achieve their potential by supporting their wellbeing and tackling issues that can affect their ability to learn, such as anxiety and unhealthy relationships. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

	9 February P2	11 March P2
7	Mental health – diversity and self-esteem	Healthy lives – the importance of sleep
8	Discrimination and the Equality Act	Online safety – stress and real friends vs online friends
9	Online safety and sexting, safe strategies to use the internet	Healthy life – effects of alcohol
10	Consent and relationships – Disrespect Nobody	Keeping safe – gangs and managing risk
11	Communication in relationships	Healthy lives – understanding cancer
6 th form	Healthy relationships	Contraception and the realities of parenthood

The Great Hazeley Readathon!

At Hazeley, we know that reading is a fabulous way to improve our vocabulary, support our mental health and broaden our horizons - a real embodiment of our 5Cs. So, this term, Victory house have decided to promote 'Community' and 'Contribution' by launching The Great Hazeley Readathon!

From Monday 31st January, students from all year groups can record their reading to raise money and 'Read for Good' - you can read more about the campaign here <https://readforgood.org/>.

All students will be issued a 'Read for Good' pack and bookmark, to record any sponsorship they may receive - with all fundraising going towards providing books for children in hospital. We hope that you will support your child to 'Read for Good' and use this as an opportunity to talk about the books you love, too!

Preloved uniform

Has your child grown since you purchased uniform so you now have some that no longer fits? We would love to accept this as a donation to support other families. There is a box in reception where donations can be dropped at any time.

Do you require the next size up in some uniform and feel you could benefit for receiving some good quality clean uniform? If so contact us on enquires@thehazeleyacademy.com requesting exactly what you would like and what size you would require. We will contact you regarding stock availability and arrange a suitable collection time for you.

Westcroft Community Larder

Please find details on how you can support and/or access our local community larder [Community Larder - SOFEA](#)

Residents of Oxley Park

The Hazeley Academy is proud to take part in local community events in Milton Keynes and currently we are working with Community Action: MK on their project to find out local resident thoughts on how to improve the local area. **If you live in Oxley Park**, please could you complete a short survey in the following link by the end of January. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

[Residents of Oxley Park Survey](#)

We do appreciate you taking the time to read these important updates and reminders. Further ways to keep up to date with us are on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Senior Deputy Principal